Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—What is the reason for the Government not considering the question so far, whether the industry should be nationlized or not ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—The question did not arise for consideration.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Was there not public agitation a number of times that this industry should be nationalized and the question came up for consideration before the Assembly even in the past and resolutions in the matter were moved ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—May be so.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Have not the Government considered so far the advisability orotherwise of nationalizing this industry ? Did not they consider the necessity of nationalizing this most precious Gold industry in our State ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—The Hon'ble Member may give his useful suggestion in the course of the general discussion on the Budget. I will certainly keep those suggestions in mind for consideration.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—My question is whether Government have considered this aspect so far and if not whether they would consider it at least hereafter ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I have answered that question.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY (Bagepalli—Gudibanda).—Are the Government aware that the Mining Companies are being managed quite contrary to the agreement ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—That will be examined.

Advantage gained by repeal of Mysore Duty on Gold Act.

Q.—298. Sri K. S. VASAN (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the advantages gained by the Government, the Mining Companies and the workers of the Mining Companies as a result of the repeal of the Mysore Duty on Gold Act and the extent and nature of advantage gained;

(*b*) how far the Gold Mining Companies have respected and carried out the terms and conditions under which the Mysore Duty on Gold Act was repealed ?

A.—Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) It is too general a question to furnish a precise answer.

(*b*) The terms and conditions are being implemented according to the terms of the agreement.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—What are the advantages gained by the Government of Mysore in entering into an agreement with the Mining Company ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—The financial advantages are the financial income that we get.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—What is the financial income all these years since the repeal of the Act ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I will presently furnish the figures.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Is it not one of the terms of agreement to require the Mining Companies to work a precentage of poorer ores ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—As I said already, it will not be correct to give off-hand answers. We will certainly examine how far the terms of agreement have been carried out.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Is it not a fact that there is no officer of the Mysore Government to check whether the Mining Companies really carry out the terms of the agreement ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I will examine that also.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK (Molakalmuru).—May I know whether there is a Director of the Government of Mysore on the Gold Fields ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—There is one now.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Will that office be continued further ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Yes.